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OF: Keiji KURODA et al. | ART UNIT: 2833  
SERIAL NO.: 10/719,382 | CONF. NO.: 2554  
FILED: November 20, 2003 | EXAMINER: F. O. FIGUEROA  
FOR: Receptacle Connector with Latch Arms and Plug Connector to  
be Connected Thereto

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATE  
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Dear Sir:

- 1) This is a supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed by mail with a certificate of mailing on June 20, 2006. This supplemental IDS provides further remarks regarding references AE and AF that were cited and enclosed with the IDS of June 20, 2006.
  
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (after the RCE of December 19, 2005) and includes a statement under 37

CFR 1.97(e) (see next paragraph). Thus, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), no fee is due.

- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- 4) Reference AE (Japanese Patent Publication 11-054217) and reference AF (Japanese Patent Publication 2002-175855) were cited by the Japanese Examiner in a Japanese Office Action issued on April 25, 2006 in Japanese Priority Application 2002-340081, which is a counterpart of the present US application. The Japanese Examiner referred to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of reference AE in connection with the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 of the present US application. The Japanese Examiner cited both references AE and AF regarding the subject matter of original claims 3 and 4 of the present US application. Particularly, the Japanese Examiner cited reference AE regarding a metallic cover and metallic latch arms, and he cited Fig. 1 of reference AF regarding each latch arm being integrally provided on the cover. The Japanese Examiner further cited both references AE and AF regarding the subject matter of original claims 5 to 12 of the present US application, whereby he especially referred to Fig. 1 of reference AE. The Japanese Examiner's citations of these references are not verified or adopted as accurate by the applicant, but are submitted for the

US Examiner's consideration of the possible relevance of these Japanese references to the present US application.

- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12 to 25 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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